

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, August 1.

Representative Tom Watson of Georgia is physically one of the smallest men in the House, but he has stirred up a very lively rumpus by publishing, in a third-party campaign book which he has written, a charge that members of the House have during this session reeled around the floor in a beastly state of intoxication. There was a scene of much excitement when the charge was read in the House by Representative Wheeler of Alabama, during which Mr. Watson reiterated the charge and announced his readiness to prove it. The House ordered an investigation by a special committee, and Mr. Watson and all of the People's Party Representatives except Simpson, who is on the Committee, and Miss Bessie Dwyer testified to the truthfulness of the charge, and other members partially did the same. The report of the Committee is looked forward to with much interest.

The hot weather and consequent absence in the Senate, together with a powerful lobby against it, has proven too much for the Anti-Option Bill, and Senator Washburn, who is in charge of it, has consented that it go over until next December, although he was disappointed at virtually being compelled to agree to its postponement. This leaves the World's Fair Amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill the only obstacle to immediate adjournment. So far every compromise suggestion by those filibustering against the World's Fair appropriation has been rejected by the friends of that measure, and the House resolution providing for adjournment last Saturday was met by the flat-footed statement from both Republican and Democratic Senators that the Senate would not consider any adjournment resolution until the House had disposed of this bill, the failure of which has shut down work at the Government Printing Office. This can be remedied by the House passing a joint resolution, already adopted by the Senate, again extending the old appropriation, but objection was raised in the House by a friend of the World's Fair appropriation, when this resolution was called up, and the indications are that this cessation of Government work is to be used as a weight to crush the filibusters, although it is denied by the World's Fair people that they favor such means for obtaining the end desired.

Perhaps the adage that "figures do not lie" is infallible, but when a person bears or reads the statements concerning the tariff with which the Republicans and Democrats are now overloading the Congressional Record, all based upon the same official figures, he is apt to think that if "figures do not lie" they may easily be made the basis for statements which closely border on prevarication land. The politicians in Congress are preparing the arguments to be used in the coming campaign much as the opposition lawyers prepare their arguments in important court cases. The tariff law and its workings represent a very important part of the case, and the lawyers on each side will try to convince the jury, represented by the voters, that their side is the right one. Meanwhile the voters should carefully study the original figures, which represent the evidence upon which these diverse statements are based, in order to render a just and impartial verdict.

Secretary Foster of the Treasury Department has, in answer to a resolution adopted by the House, calling for the correspondence of the chiefs of bureaus of the Treasury Department requesting authority to leave the department on official business since January 1, last, replied that there was only one such case - Z. G. Brock, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, who went to Chicago and St. Louis in search of information to be used in a report on the commerce of the lakes and the Mississippi. The originators of the resolution expected to unearth some sensational correspondence concerning the attendance of Treasury officials at the Minneapolis Convention, and are disappointed at the answer.

Some surprise has been caused by the announcement that the House Committee which went to Homestead to investigate the labor troubles at that place and the Pinkertons' connection therewith will not make the partial report which its Chairman, Representative Oates of Alabama, said would be made before Congress adjourned. Republicans say that there will be no partial report, because the Democratic managers are afraid of handling the subject until after the election, while Mr. Oates says that there is not time enough to formulate a proper report, and that the Committee will continue the investigation during the recess and present a full report at the next session.

The representatives of organized labor have presented President Harrison with a petition, with the request that he use it to sign the Eight-Hour Bill, now in his hands, which they have been instrumental in getting through Congress, and return it to them to be preserved as a souvenir of their success.

Will Not Recognize the Increase.

Montclair's Township Committee has directed Assessor Morris to omit from the tax levy this year the \$850,000 increased valuations imposed by the County Board, and also directed their counsel, A. S. Badgley, to co-operate with other lawyers in fighting the case in the courts.

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